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To Whom It May Concern:

We just wanted to take a few moments to express our feelings about the proposed nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain. My family and I are currently residents of Henderson, Nevada. We have lived in Nevada for 5 years. We feel compelled to write a letter since the DOE "public" hearing was a joke and appeared only to be an opportunity for the government to stack the cards in support for the repository. This was in no way a "public" forum.

My family and I strongly oppose the proposed Yucca Mountain site. There are a number of reasons why we oppose this. The first is that we believe that the government study has not successfully demonstrated the safeness of the site. We are greatly concerned with the potential for seepage into water that could very well make its way into the Las Vegas Valley.

We do not understand how the government can propose to use containers for high-level nuclear waste that can only withstand a 5.5 magnitude earthquake, when they will be placed directly on a fault line. Is the government implying that it has knowledge that an earthquake greater than a 5.5 magnitude will never occur at this site?

I grew up in the state of Washington and we were told that the Hanford site was "safe". Tell this to the workers who are now dying. And, we were also told that the rock in the site area would make seepage "unlikely". So why has it now seeped into the Columbia River System? Oh yes, and 3-mile Island was perfectly safe as well. Perhaps we could just say that the residents who lived near to this site were just extremely lucky. Unfortunately, those who lived near Chernobyl were not.

We do not want high-level nuclear waste travelling on our roads. We live less than 3 miles from the highway where this waste may be travelling. We realize that there is already waste being moved along these highways, and while we would prefer to have no waste travel so close to our home, at the very least we do not want to see an increase in this movement on our highways.

We believe that if specific states have chosen to have nuclear power, then they should take care of their own waste. It risks the lives of millions of Americans to move this waste from the origination sites to the proposed Yucca Mountain site. Of course, I use "proposed" loosely since it appears that their never has been a question that the government had any other idea other than to make this site the permanent repository, regardless of public opinion or the outcome of the impact study.

It is time to stop looking for short term solutions to long term problems. It makes much more sense to decrease the need for nuclear power by beginning to look at alternative energy sources that are safer than nuclear power - wind power and solar power. Oh

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yeah, but that would hurt big bucks special interest groups whose profits depend on their production of nuclear energy.

Our last point is plainly that the majority of the people of the state of Nevada do not want Yucca Mountain used as the permanent repository site.

We appreciate being allowed to express our opinions, even if it had to be on paper. We just want to reiterate our opinion on the 'proposed' nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. WE DON'T WANT IT.

Sincerely,

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